

## 2002 Clinical Epidemiology Training Course

The 2002 Clinical Epidemiology Training Course (CETC) for active duty physicians will be held in Norfolk, Virginia, from 15 July -- 26 July 2002, and will be hosted by the Navy Environmental Health Center. The 2002 Course will be the fifth "annual" CETC and is a practical orientation to concepts in epidemiology, biostatistics, and informatics that will be a regular part of clinical epidemiology practice. Attendees at the four previous courses have highly rated this training.

There is no registration fee to attend the 2002 CETC. Commands will be responsible for travel and per diem costs for their staff that receive a quota to attend this training course. Continuing Medical Education Credits will be provided:

The Naval School of Health Sciences, Bethesda, Maryland is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for Physicians. The Naval School of Health Sciences, Bethesda, Maryland designates this educational activity for a maximum of (or for up to) 69.50 hours in Category 1 credit towards the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. Each Physician should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity.

The 2002 CETC is a computer laboratory based practical applications course for active duty physicians assigned to or interested in clinical epidemiology assignments. Clinical epidemiology billets are open to physicians in all specialties who also have an established competence in epidemiology, biostatistics, and / or informatics. Normally, a MPH degree, or comparable graduate training is considered the minimum level of expertise for individuals seeking these positions. Physicians with such training who are currently assigned in Aerospace Medicine, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Occupational Medicine, Preventive Medicine, Undersea Medicine, or other specialties may request to be considered for clinical epidemiology assignments in future PCS moves. Clinical practice in an existing specialty would also be an option.

The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology (SHEA) Website (<http://www.shea-online.org/>) is a professional organization for individuals practicing or interested in the development and application of the science of healthcare epidemiology and quality improvement. SHEA's website very well describes the scope of practice of Navy clinical epidemiologists. On this website, "Healthcare epidemiology is broadly defined as any activity designed to study and / or improve patient care outcomes in any type of healthcare institution or setting. Healthcare epidemiology, as practiced by SHEA members, includes a variety of disciplines and activities directed at enhancing the quality of health care and preventing and controlling adverse outcomes. Among these activities are epidemiologic and laboratory investigation, surveillance, risk reduction programs focused on device and procedure management, policy development and implementation, education and information dissemination, and cost-benefit assessment of prevention and control programs." Many Navy clinical epidemiologists are also actively involved in disease management and population health improvement strategies that support the Military Health System and BUMED Optimization Plans. Many of these strategies incorporate evidence based medicine concepts and the development and use of clinical practice guidelines and clinical pathways.

Additional information needed to apply for a PH-HETC training quota is included on the next two pages.

**Physicians interested in the CETC should contact CDR Rick Storemann, MC, USNR Clinical Epidemiology Program Coordinator, at the Navy Environmental Health Center for more information. Telephone: 757-953-0970, DSN-377-0970, or EMAIL: [storemannr@nehc.med.navy.mil](mailto:storemannr@nehc.med.navy.mil).**

## **2002 Clinical Epidemiology Training Course and 2002 Population Health and Healthcare Epidemiology Training Course Applying for a Training Quota**

This following are the initial administrative guidelines for the 2002 Clinical Epidemiology Training Course (CETC) and the 2002 Population Health and Healthcare Epidemiology Training Course (PH-HETC). Additional administrative information will be provided when training quotas are issued.

1. There are up to fifty (50) training quotas, combined, for the 2002 CETC and the 2002 PH-HETC. Attendees to a previous CETC should not reapply.
2. Submit nominations for either the 2002 CETC or the 2002 PH-HETC, NLT 15 April 2002 to NAVENVIRHLTHCEN, Norfolk, via by e-mail, fax, or msg format vice telephone request for appropriate and timely planning. Nominees will be expected to have at least one (1) year remaining at their current command. Submit nominations to CAPT Robert L. Brawley, EMAIL: [brawleyr@nehc.med.navy.mil](mailto:brawleyr@nehc.med.navy.mil) or FAX: 757-953-0688. Receipt of applications for training quotas will be verified by return email.
3. Notification of acceptance to the 2002 CETC or the 2002 PH-HETC and assignment of a training quota will be NLT 01 May 2002 by e-mail or letter vice telephone calls to individuals or commands.
4. Participants will be required to attend all training. Due to limited quotas early departures are not authorized except for verified emergency situations.
5. There is no registration fee for the course. Direct cost to attendees command will be travel and per diem only. Meals are not Included as part of the course. Rental car will be at the discretion of the member's command but would be strongly advised.
6. NAVENVIRHLTHCEN has blocked BOQ/BEQ rooms at NAB Little Creek for out of town attendees from 13 July to 26 July 2002. Request BOQ/BEQ assignment when making your quota request stating arrival and departure dates. BOQ/BEQ assignment can only be confirmed after a quota is assigned.
7. Approximately 70 CME or CEU credits are expected for either the 2002 CETC or the 2002 PH-HETC.
8. Please ensure the following information is included in your request for a training quota:
  - a. Name (first, middle initial and last)
  - b. SSN – Last four
  - c. Military/civilian rank/rate/designator/GS-level
  - d. Current job title
  - e. Statement of your interests or current roles in clinical epidemiology, population health improvement, or healthcare epidemiology
  - f. Specific comments should also be made about your graduate degree(s) and / or graduate courses or other advanced training in epidemiology, biostatistics, and / or informatics
  - g. Time remaining at Command before PRD (months)
  - h. Commands complete mailing address including street, PO Box or Bldg number and 9 digit Zip code (Fleet postal regulation)
  - i. Primary and alternate telephone and fax numbers (DSN and Commercial)
  - j. Provide a phone number normally answered by a person (not voice mail).
  - k. E-mail address, preferably an address where you can receive attached files
  - l. Indicate if you have command approved/funded TAD orders
  - m. Indicate if you require a BOQ/ BEQ room with arrival and departure dates.

9. Write travel orders to the 2002 Clinical Epidemiology Training Course or the 2002 Population Health and Healthcare Epidemiology Training Course, NAB Little Creek, Norfolk, VA. The Course will be held at the NAB Little Creek Conference Center, adjacent to the NAB Little Creek BOQ.

10. Out of town travelers should plan to arrive on or before Sunday, 14 July 2002. OCONUS travelers should arrive on or before Saturday, 13 July 2002.

11. Course registration is at NAB Little Creek Conference Center, adjacent to BOQ NAB Little Creek, 0700 to 0800, Monday, 15 July 2002

12. Uniform: Khaki with ribbons for the military and business attire for attending civilians.